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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Inventor(s): Geefay, et al.****Examiner: Dang, Trung Q.****Serial No.: 10/029,193****Group Art Unit: 2823****Filing Date: 12/20/2001****Title: Sloped Via Contacts****Amendment**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **20 June 2003**, having a three-month statutory period expiring **20 September 2003**, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4.